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**Filed:** February 6, 2004

**Title:** **PRESSURE APPLYING DEVICE TO FIXING  
ROLLER OF IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 (c)(1)**

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Further to the above-identified Application and in accordance with our duty of candor, please find enclosed a copy of an Office Action from the corresponding Japanese patent application which is marked "Japanese Office Action," along with a copy of the English thereof, which is marked "English Translation of Japanese Office Action".

Also enclosed is a copy of each reference cited in the Office Action (Documents 1 – 5) along with its corresponding English abstract.

Document No. 5 is particularly relevant to the claims of this case, so we have provided you with a complete English translation of this reference.

Please note that we have also enclosed an English language translation of claims 14-16 from the corresponding Japanese patent application since these are the claims against which Document 5 was cited. These documents are marked "English Translation of Claims 14-16 from Corresponding Japanese Application".

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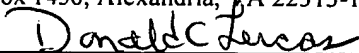
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1. PTO/SB/08A
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3. Copies of References (5)
4. 4 English Abstracts
5. 1 English Translation (document 5)
6. English Translation of Claims 14-16
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